

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
DIVERSITY COMMITTEE MEETING
September 12, 2013**

SUMMARY

Members Present:

Harve Brosten	Douglas Harrison	Esther Mizell
Rebecca Dahl	Jessica Abby Herthel	Sarah Park
Michael DeGruccio	Jeanne Jusevic	Ernestine Price
Susan Edwards	Charlie King	Logan Silverman
Julian Gazzano	Thomas Lauder	Francisco Vargas
Reverend Harrigan	Kevin Love	

Members Absent:

Andy Ansola	Carlos Verney
Brendan Barry	Bryan Wilson

District Staff: Anthony Hunter, Chief Information Officer

Student Support Initiatives Staff: Michaelle Pope; Terri Jones; Latricia Lauture

Diversity, Cultural Outreach & Prevention Staff: Amalio Nieves; Marion Williams

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Jusevic called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

ADOPTON OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY MINUTES

The August 1, 2013 Summary Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Mr. Hunter gave the members an overview of technology in the District. He spoke of the Digital 5 Program; conducting an IT assessment; technology refresh; technology demand for online courses and online testing as required by the State and Federal Government under Common Core and infrastructure demand. **Mr. Hunter** said the District Strategic Advisory Committee would assist in developing a Strategic Plan to address and resolve technology issues. A question and answer session followed.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Site Visitation Subcommittee: **Ms. Dahl** presented an informative overview of the *On-Site Diversity Visitation Report 2012-2013*. Members discussed the Report and gave input.

Ms. Jusevic said the Diversity Committee will be presenting the Diversity Committee Annual Report, which includes the On-Site Diversity Visitation Report 2012-2013, as well as the individual school site visit reports, at the September 24, 2013 School Board Workshop.

Motion by **Mr. Brosten** to: “approve the 2012-2013 Diversity Committee Report and the On-Site Diversity Visitation Report, as amended.” Motion passed 17-0.

INDICATOR REVISIONS

Condition 5: Athletics and Extra-curricular Activities

Motion by **Mr. DeGruccio** to: “revise Indicator 5.3 to read: Schools identified as offering core extra-curricular activities **listed on the District participation matrix and** based on students’ interest.” Motion passed 16-0.

Motion by **Mr. Gazzano** to: “accept Condition 5: Athletics and Extra-curricular Activities, Indicators 5.1-5.5, as amended. Motion passed 16-0.

Condition 6: Media Centers

Motion by **Mr. Gazzano** to: “accept Condition 6: Media Centers, Indicators 6.1-6.6, as presented. Motion passed 17-0.

Condition 7: Student Discipline

Ms. Jusevic said “**PROMISE Program**” was added to Indicator 7.1. **Mr. Nieves** and **Ms. Pope** reviewed the scope of the Program. The PROMISE (Preventing Recidivism through Opportunities, Mentoring, Interventions, Support & Education) Program is an initiative designed to address the unique needs of students who have committed a behavioral infraction that would normally lead to a juvenile delinquency arrest and, therefore, entry into the juvenile justice system.

Motion by **Mr. Gazzano** to: “accept Condition 7: Student Discipline, Indicators 7.1-7.4, as presented. Motion passed 17-0.

Condition 8: Five-Year Capital Plan

Motion by **Mr. Gazzano** to: “accept Condition 8: Five-Year Capital Plan, Indicators 8.1-8.5, as presented. Motion passed 17-0.

Condition 9: Student Assignment/Reassignment

Motion by **Ms. Edwards** to: “accept Condition 9: Student Assignment/Reassignment, Indicators 9.1-9.2, as presented. Motion passed 17-0.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ms. Jusevic said during School Board discussion on Policy 1.7, Board members requested that standing District Committees have a discussion about composition of those committees. Discussion followed regarding reducing Diversity Committee membership from 3 to 2 appointed members per School Board member.

Motion by **Ms. Dahl** to “extend the meeting by 5 minutes.” Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Motion by **Mr. Gazzano** to: “maintain three appointees per Board member and encourage Board members to fill their vacancies.” Motion passed 16-0.

Motion by **Mr. DeGruccio** to: “word Indicator 2.1 to read: the schools meet District Standards **which will reflect the current ratios in the District Educational Technology Plan for laptop/computer to student ratio, laptop/computer to teacher ratio, printer to classroom**

ratio, Internet access for each classroom including Wi-Fi, Wi-Fi access on school campus', and upgrade electricity and energy management cycles. Motion passed 16-0.

Motion by **Mr. DeGruccio** to: "accept Condition 2: Technology, all Indicators, as revised." Motion passed 16-0.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Ms. Pope said Departments within the Student Support Services Division have moved to Lauderdale Manors Early Learning and Resource Center. **Ms. Pope** welcomed the new student members to the Diversity Committee. Students **Sarah Park**, Senior, Cooper City High School and **Logan Silverman**, Sophomore, Cooper City High School introduced themselves. **Ms. Pope** thanked the Diversity Committee members who have been working very hard and diligently to produce the Reports and the upcoming Board Workshop presentation. She also thanked the Committee, as a whole, for coming together and supporting the members who have compiled the Reports. She said the last few meetings have been very productive. **Ms. Pope** said she would bring the following information forward to the next meeting: information about the Promise Program, October as LGBT Awareness Month and October as Diversity Awareness Month. **Ms. Pope** requested that Diversity Committee Members turn-in their Identification badges; new badges will be processed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

**The next meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.,
in the Board Room, Kathleen C. Wright Administration Building.**

These minutes are summarized and were recorded at the September 12, 2013 Diversity Committee meeting. For more information a Public Records Request may be submitted by contacting Public Relations & Government Affairs Department, SBBC, at 754-321-2300.

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